

# AZ Regional Communication Leader (COML) Recognition Program

## SIEC Request for Approval

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# Outline

- **Development of AZ Regional COML Recommendations**
- **Key Elements of AZ COML Program**
- **Centralized Review/Records?**
- **Overview of Recommendations**
- **Discussion; Possible Action**



# Development of Recommendations

- The SIEC formed the Communications Unit Workgroup in August 2009.
- The Workgroup provided status updates and requested input from the SIEC in October 2009 and January 2010
- SIEC Co-chairs provided updates to the PSCC in September 2009, January 2010 and April 2010.
- The Workgroup's written recommendations for AZ Regional COMLs were presented to the SIEC and discussed at its March 2010 meeting.
- The SIEC approved posting the recommendations to the PSIC website and distributing them to the Interested Parties List for comment.
- Comments received were considered and integrated as applicable.
- The final draft Arizona Regional COML recommendations were approved at SIEC's May 2010 meeting.



# Key Elements of AZ COML Program

1. Requirements for AZ COMLs should be compatible with national recommendations and best practices.
2. The Federal Government has left it up to each state to determine how its COMLs are certified or recognized.
3. AZ COML candidates shall be **certified** as qualified for their position by their respective AZ public safety agency.
4. AZ agency-certified COMLs may be subsequently **recognized** as AZ Regional COMLs by a central review process managed by the SIEC.
5. AZ Regional COMLs shall be equivalent to ICS All-Hazards COMLs, as set forth by the Federal DHS's Office of Emergency Communications. *[Note: Differs from AZ Red Card Program.]*
6. PSIC will maintain centralized records for AZ Regional COMLs.



# Centralized Review/Records?

- The SIEC feels a centralized review and record keeping process is important for AZ Regional COMLs in order to:
  - Apply consistent standards for statewide recognition of agency-certified COMLs.
  - Allow development and maintenance of an Incident Command System (ICS) COML Resource List for Arizona
  - Facilitate offering opportunities for participation in communications-focused exercises and planned events
  - Facilitate delivery of continuing education



# Overview of Recommendations

1. Arizona Regional COML Recognition

2. Changes in Agency Affiliation

3. Renewal of the AZ Regional COML designation

4. Continuing Education

5. Submitting, maintaining and referencing AZ Regional COML records



## Next Steps

- If these Recommendations are approved by the PSCC:
  - The AZ Regional COML Recognition process will be placed on the PSIC website and sent out to all interested parties.
  - PSIC will include information regarding the AZ Regional COML Recognition program in its outreach presentations.
  - PSIC will set up a central registry and associated documents for tracking AZ Regional COMLs.
  - The SIEC will work to implement the COML Recognition program and develop strategies to support qualified individuals in completing their COML taskbooks and becoming recognized AZ Regional COMLs.

# Discussion of SIEC Recommendations

## Possible Approval